

LOUISIANA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION



Wednesday, July 30th, 2014
Hon. Scott Angelle, Chairman

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Water Well Auditing and Registration

- ❑ Quarterly Audits throughout 2013
- ❑ FY2014 (July 2013-June 2014) — 480 registered wells that required prior notification; 86.7% in compliance with regulations
- ❑ Compliance orders issued throughout year to well drillers to reach target goal of 100% compliance

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Water Well Auditing and Registration

- ❑ Compliance line established July 2014
- ❑ Supported by La. Ground Water Assn.
- ❑ For reporting of unlicensed water well drilling activity; failure to provide prior notification; failure to register
- ❑ Announcement distributed directly to well drillers and through various networks, including LSU AgCenter and Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA)



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www.dnr.louisiana.gov/groundwater

ANNOUNCEMENT TO WATER WELL DRILLERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES
JULY 21, 2014

New Tool for Water Well Installation and Reporting Compliance

The Office of Conservation, with the support of the Louisiana Ground Water Association, has established a direct **Water Well Compliance Line** at **(225) 342-3019** available during regular working hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday, and after-hours and on holidays by routinely-checked voicemail.

Water well drillers and other interested parties possessing knowledge of water wells being drilled by unlicensed drillers, without confirmation of prior notification, or lacking in proper registration may report these situations anonymously to the Office of Conservation.

Key information that is necessary for to agency to open an investigation includes: the physical location of the water well (parish, latitude/longitude, property owner, road intersections, or nearby landmarks) and the name of the water well driller or company alleged to be in non-compliance, if available.

This direct compliance line provides a new tool to support the professional integrity of the water well industry by encouraging industry participation in pursuit of 100% across-the-board compliance with state regulations on water well installation and reporting.

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Education Activities — Water-Wise in BR

- ❑ Expanded existing curriculum to include 5th grade science, along with math and social studies components for middle school and high school classrooms
- ❑ June 20, 2014, workshop at LSU School of Education: over 50 teachers representing 30 different schools in EBR



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Statewide Teacher Survey

- ❑ Projected for completion and distribution in the early fall
- ❑ Will assess current teaching about water resources and their management (including groundwater and surface water)
- ❑ Anticipating curriculum needs under Next Generation Science Standards

Parish Contacts (Public Works Depts., Police Jurors, Parish Presidents)

- ❑ Provided e-mail update on groundwater management in the state, Jan. 2014
- ❑ Provided notice on assistance available for groundwater education, and information on existing groundwater programs at local level, May 2014

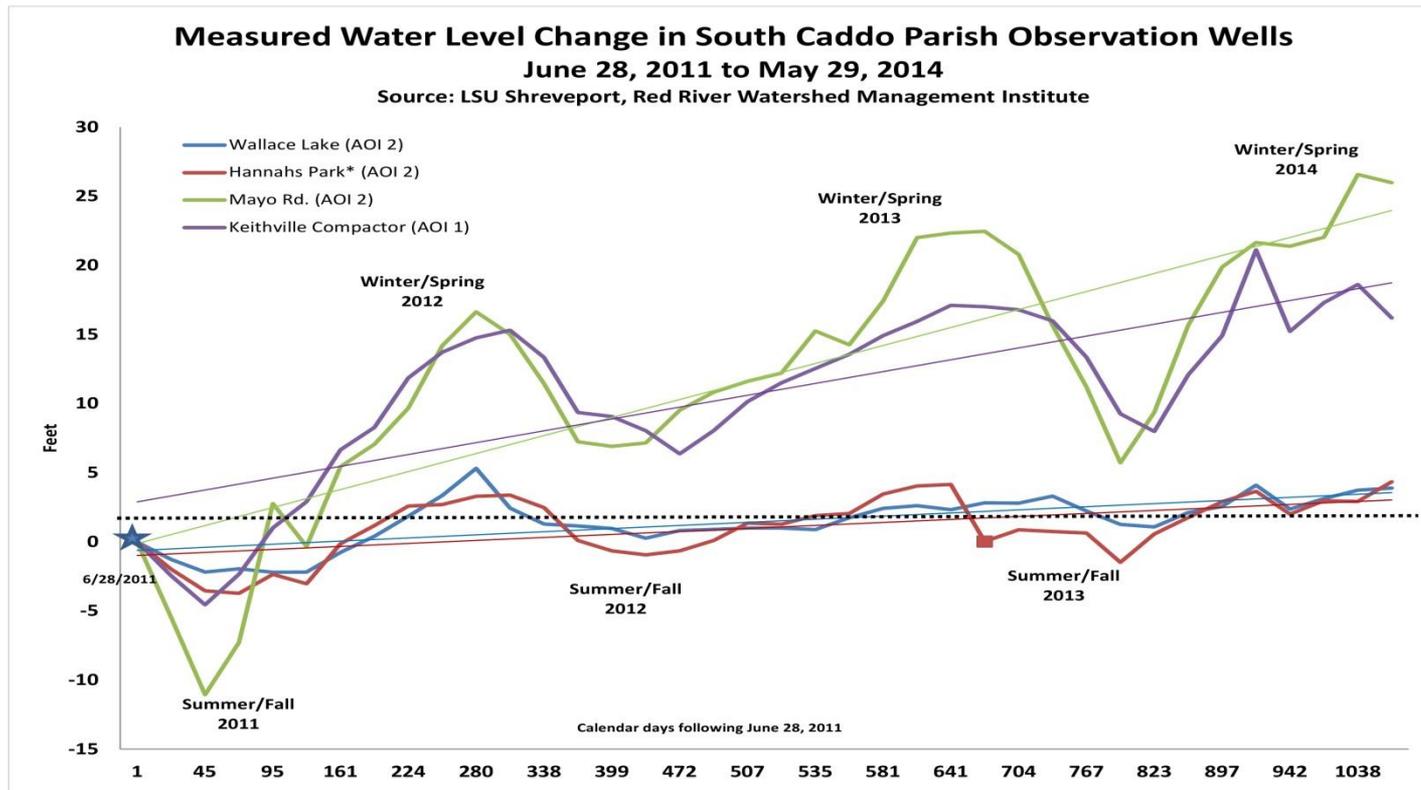
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Order Amended, June 30, 2014

- ❑ Supported by Red River Watershed Management Institute, LSU-Shreveport
- ❑ Suspends groundwater use restrictions in Areas of Interest
- ❑ Maintains strict advance approval of any new wells; maintains emphasis on “judicious” use of groundwater
- ❑ Newspaper, TV, radio coverage; 4500 mail-outs sent to local residents
- ❑ Agency will continue to evaluate monitoring data for future action

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